24th March 1934]

Rate of subsistence allowance paid to House Surgeons.

* 850 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number is of paid House Surgeons and Honorary House Surgeons working in the General Hospital as well as in each of the other Government hospitals in Madras;

(*b*) what the rate of subsistence allowance paid was to the paid House Surgeons prior to 1931–32 and what it is now;

(*c*) whether any representations have been received from these House Surgeons to increase the rate of their subsistence allowance either by Government or by the Surgeon-General;

(*d*) if so, what orders have been passed in the matter; and

(*e*) whether a copy of the representation as well as the order passed on it will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information is furnished in the appended statement.[a]

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) & (*e*) A copy[a] of the correspondence from the Surgeon-General on the subject and a copy[a] of the order passed thereon are placed on the table.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" In view of the nature of the work that the House Surgeons and House Physicians are expected to do, especially in the headquarters hospitals in the City, may I ask whether a reasonable attitude cannot be taken with regard to the allowance granted to them? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" These rates were fixed after careful examination; the Government feel that no case has been made out for any increase in their allowance."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether the Hon. the Chief Minister considers that Rs. 30 is sufficient for House Surgeons and House Physicians who spend most of their days in the hospital and whether it is a sufficient inducement for them to work? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" There is no scarcity of applications; the allowance is not intended to cover their expenses, nor is it intended as an adequate remuneration for their work."

Differential scale of pay between Indian and Anglo-Indian nurses.

* 851 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Indian and Anglo-Indian nurses in the Government hospitals in Madras City; and

(*b*) the difference in the scale of pay between these two classes of nurses?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) There is no difference in the scale of pay of the two classes of nurses.

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[a] Printed as Appendix 1 on pages 846–848 infra.